leum products. Increasing the effectiveness of these measures is a continuing effort.

Import of Crude Oil from Saudi Arabia

6783. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import crude oil from Saudi Arabia in 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details including terms and conditions thereof;

(c) whether some officials of the Indian Oil Corporation had visited Saudi Arabia recently in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). During the first week of March, 1992, a delegation had visited Saudi Arabia to finalise the supplies of crude oil for the year 1992-93. Saudi Aramco have agreed to supply 5 MMT of crude oil to Indian Oil Corporation during 1992-93.

[Translation]

Post-Matric Scholarships for Backward Classes Students

6784. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide post-metric scholarship to students of backward classes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). One of the objection of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation incorporated under Station 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, as a Company not for profit, is to extend loans to the backward classes for pursuing general/professional/technical education or training at graduate and higher levees.

Voluntary Academic Institutions/ Organisation on External Affairs

6785. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered voluntary academic institutions/organisations which are involved in the study and research work relating to India's external affairs and international relations;

(b) whether the Government provide annual or any kind of grant to such institutions/ organisations, and

(c) if so, the details thereof, institution/ organisation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) A Statement is attached detailing the institutions/ organisations receiving financial assistance from the Ministry of External Affairs.